

ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS

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STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS

(No. S.H.22)

RIVER HUMBER

ENTRY TO IMMINGHAM DOCKS

In pursuance of sections 7 and 8 of the British Transport Docks Act 1972, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that vessels inward bound from sea to Immingham Docks must not enter the river past the Spurn Light Float without first obtaining the express permission of VTS Humber. Thereafter, vessels should proceed in accordance with entry and berthing directions given by Immingham Port Control through VTS Humber on VHF Channel 12 and 14.

The purpose of this Notice is to reduce shipping congestion at the entrance to the Port of Immingham. To this end it has generally been decided that whenever a vessel is engaged in locking into the Immingham Dock system, then only two other vessels will be admitted into the river. The first in turn will normally await entry by stemming the tide off the dock's entrance well clear of the Immingham Oil Terminal and in such a position as not to impede the navigation of other vessels. The second in turn will normally await entry immediately down river of the No. 9, Holme Ridge Light Buoy. All other vessels are to await their turn in a safe location, clear of the Traffic Separation Scheme, in the Approaches to the Humber.

Order of turn will be determined strictly by stemming times at the passing of either the Outer Binks Light Buoy or Outer Sea Reach Light Buoy or Outer Rosse Reach Light Buoy as appropriate and as recorded by VTS, Humber.

The above practice may only be varied by VTS Humber in consultation with Immingham Port Control. Circumstances in which variations might be permitted are; during the period when the docks are levelled with the river at high water; for very slow vessels which are unable to maintain their order of turn.

Standing Notice to Mariners SH.22 dated 23rd May 2001 issued by Associated British Ports is hereby cancelled.

CAPT P P HAMES
HARBOUR MASTER, HUMBER

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